

Western Cape

# SCaR

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## RECRUITMENT







Sat 7 May 2011, 1<sup>st</sup> Strand Pack held a **'Mothers Day Tea Party'** with more than 80 guests attending. Each cub had to prepare and bring all the necessary equipment to lay and serve there table. R1 400 was raised for the climate change project as part of the National Challenge. Every mother received a free family photo produced and decorated on site.



Sat 21 May 2011, 1<sup>st</sup> Strand Cubs went on a **'Fire Hike'** to explore the damage the veld fire had done to the Helderberg Nature Reserve. Each six was given a GPS to guide them to different bases placed in the gardens. The bases included building a stretcher, map reading, fire safety and observation photography to name a few. *Liz Britz*



PS Wendy Willemse was awarded the prestigious **Mossel Bay Citizen of the Year Award** in July by the Mossel Bay Rotary Club, for her outstanding dedication to Cubing – well done!

**Edward Shield** Sat 29 October at Hawequas. What an absolutely amazing day filled with adventure, excitement and loads of fun for both Cubs and adults alike. Everything ran like clockwork to a 'Green Earth' theme with challenging bases and tests on offer for all to enjoy. 20 Packs took up the challenging outing and over 300 excited Cubs ran, walked and explored the magnificent grounds of Hawequas, from arrival to departure. There were probably many of all ages who retired early on the Saturday night. Well done 2<sup>nd</sup> Somerset West on taking the coveted Shield, followed by Durbanville/Kraaifontein, 1<sup>st</sup> Monte Vista and a new Pack going for a year, 1<sup>st</sup> Paarl coming 4<sup>th</sup>. Special Thanks go to our Rovers for their professional assistance in parking more than 80 cars, the traffic control as regards safety, the well organized Tuck Shop and assistance virtually everywhere else. Thanks to all Pack Scouters and assistants for bringing your Cubs and Parents out for the day – highly appreciated! Finally sincere thanks for all the work behind the scenes go to Donald Alexander and Audrey Hopkins for putting together another outstanding fun event. *SCaR Correspondent*



Three years ago the **Volvo Ocean Race** was in town and Scouts from across Cape Town came to the V & A Waterfront to share in the fun! They returned again and Cubs and Scouts had an opportunity to get involved. Our yacht, JML Rotary Scout, was moored in the waterfront; the Volvo race village was up and running (with some awesome activities and exhibitions), and Worldsport organised lunch and activities for all Cub Scouts who come down to the Waterfront and participate on the Sun 4 December. Sea Scouts brought their Saldanha Dinghies to the Waterfront and put on a pulling and sailing regatta in the basin. A most exciting and enjoyable event for all who attended. *BD*



Always remember, what has been seen - cannot be unseen !  
**Let's all stand together and start SHOUTING FOR SCOUTING !**

### What's the Value of 1 Member?

10 Scouts standing in line  
1 disliked the Scouter, then there were 9.  
9 Ambitious Scouts offered to work 'til late  
1 forgot his/her Promise, then there were 8.  
8 Creative Scouts had ideas good as heaven  
1 lost enthusiasm, then there were 7.  
7 Loyal Scouts got into a real fix  
They quarrelled, then there were 6.  
6 Scouts remained with spirit and drive  
1 Moved away, then there were 5.  
5 Steadfast Scouts wished there were more  
1 became indifferent, then there were 4.  
4 Cheerful Scouts who never disagree –  
'til 1 complained of meetings, then there were 3.  
3 Eager Scouts! What do they do?  
1 Got discouraged, then there were 2.  
2 Lonely Scouts, this rhyme is nearly done.  
1 Joined a bigger Troop, then there was 1.  
**1 Faithful Scout** was feeling rather blue –  
met up with a neighbour, then there were 2.  
2 Earnest Scouts, each enrolled 1 more –  
double their number, and then there were 4.  
4 Very determined Scouts just couldn't wait –  
'til each won another, and then there were 8.  
8 Excited Scouts signed up 16 more...  
in another six verses, there'll be 1 000 & 24 !







Continued from SCAr 20: 21 Explorer Scouts from Rotherham UK used their 3 week holiday to renovate and add an ablution block to Evelyn's Crèche. They came on invite from Mossel Bay Group, who used the time to interact and build friendships. The Town was honoured to have hosted the Scouts during April.



**New Record:** 14 Year old Megan-Jane Gradidge receives her Chief Girl Guide Award from Jean Lewis (left), president of the National Trefoil Guild, and Gina Mantel-Bohr (right) Kenridge Guider in June 2011. Megan joined as a Teddy at age 4, earned all 10 Teddy Badges, went on to get the Golden Hand Brownie highest Award, joined D/K Cubs and earned leaping Wolf by 11, and I'm sure if she returned to Scouts again, she could possibly still make the Springbok Scout Badge as well?



World renowned primatologist Dame Jane Goodall 'the Chimpanzee Lady' with Christopher (ex 2<sup>nd</sup> Bergvliet Springbok Scout) and Frenske Otzen, after a talk in Rondebosch to raise funds for the Goodall Institute on Wed 23 July 2011. *Terry Coetzee*



**Neville Coxon**



Tue 23 Aug 2011  
A man who loved to give of himself



**Mike Meintjies**



Sun 11 Sep 2011  
Compassionate and Caring



Those who attended **Gordon's Shield** (23-24 July), will know about the 'Scout Intelligence Agency' that took over the competition, and that the Scouts were put through their paces with secret missions, camouflage techniques, highly important codes to decipher, and many such adventures! My sincere thanks goes out to Ubayd and his team from Constantiaberg Rovers, who put everything together! We all had a great time! Thanks too to everyone who came out for the windy weekend to assist with the various bases and jobs that needed doing. It was great to see so many keen helpers and was nice to spend some time catching up. Those who weren't there... you sure missed out! Well done 2<sup>nd</sup> Somerset West on finally taking the trophy from 2<sup>nd</sup> Fish Hoek, after an 8 year winning streak! *Brendan Dale*



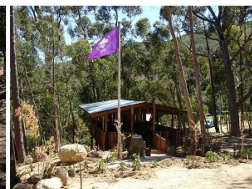
The 2011 **Woodbadge Reunion** on Sat 3 Sept involved an 'Amazing Race' around the Waterfront and Cape Town Stadium finishing at the Bay Road Scout Hall. Special thanks to Ingrid Webster, Shantel Kent, Lynda Niddrie, Peter Statham and Sean Kets for making this year's reunion an enjoyable event. *Nimmy Abrahams*



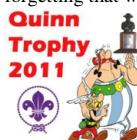
**Provincial Orienteering** Sun 25 Sep was held this year at the UCT Complex. Thanks to Devon Bowen for all the organising. 1<sup>st</sup> Bothasig (above) took the Senior event and 2<sup>nd</sup> Fish Hoek the Junior and Adult events.



Devon Bowen (1<sup>st</sup> Bothasig Rover Crew) and Ubayd Bapoo (Constantiaberg Rover Crew) about to depart above, were selected to attend and participate in the Saudi Arabian Scout Association's **2<sup>nd</sup> International Peace Camp** and National Day Celebration held in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, from Sun 21 – Mon 29 Sep. "It was an awesome experience and many friendships made on the workshops." *Ubayd*



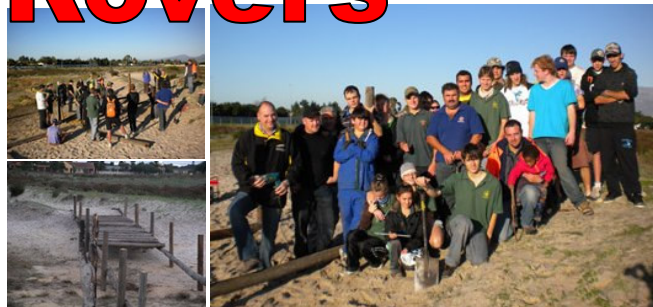
**The Robert Hall Foundation Campsite** at Hawequas was officially opened on Sun 16 October. We were most honoured and privileged to have had Robert and Mary Hall (above), who flew out from England especially for the occasion, with us on this momentous day. It was also the Hawequas Open Weekend for free camping as well as the Provincial Quinn Competition. In addition, we had almost all our Hawequas Founder Members present, from Charles (original Chairman 1985), Richard (who was involved with the purchase of Hawequas.), Dudley, Karel, Stuart, Buzz (longest active serving Hawequas Member), Sipho and delegates from Guguletu (who met Robert and the King of Sweden in 2007 with their visit here) and many others in attendance to celebrate the joy and festivities with us. The message of the day was focused on building our great worldwide Scout Movement, yet never forgetting that we are all in it and for the sole purpose of the (youth) kids!



Won by 3<sup>rd</sup> Pinelands and the Cross Country event by TLC Mannenberg. Thanks to Rover Brett Kuyper for a great fun filled Group Competition.



# Rovers



**Rovers set environmental example to local community** - All hands on deck, Sat 18 June, saw a group of Rovers hard at work on Bothasig's new Nature Reserve, a 10 hectare area between Bosmansdam, Vissershok and Potsdam Road. Alderman James Vos, Ward Councillor: City of Cape Town, added his support to the initiative by helping out. "With Youth Day just past, it is wonderful to see such enthusiasm from Rovers, not only supporting the local community, but also contributing to the wellbeing of the environment," said Vos. The Rovers busied themselves laying a wooden boardwalk bridge over what will be a wetland area, that will not only make the walk through easier and more enjoyable, but also protect the many varieties of indigenous plant life from being trampled underfoot.

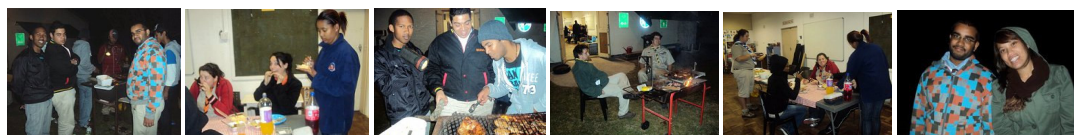
*How will you be remembered in history one day?*



Base camp below K2, Andre B & Mike N  
Andre Bredankamp and Mike Nixon who have climbed mountains together for 10 years, **conquered K2 in Pakistan** (8 612m) during June / July – well done Andre on yet another super achievement.



It's now official: **Table Mountain** in Cape Town, Western Cape SA, is one of the 7 Natural Wonders of the World!



New Chairman Ubayd Bapoo and Min-gah Ismael.

Sat 9 July, the **Western Cape Rover Advisory Council (WC RAC)** hosted their AGM at the Gilpine Hall, Pinelands. The meeting was held to address past achievements, current issues, new developments, causes for concern and elect new members to the Council. Elizabeth Brits stepped down as Chairperson of the WC RAC, other councillors stepping down were Vice Chair Anzio Abels and Crew Administration and events Chair Mario Penso. Ubayd Bapoo, from Constantiaberg Rovers, who had previously served as Youth Representative, replaced Elizabeth as Chairperson. Other elected councillors for 2011/12 were: Jason Tyler, Dominique Battle, Devon Bowe, Mandy Engelbrecht and Youth Representative Michaela Janse Van Rensburg. A celebratory braai followed the meeting.

 <p><b>Desmond Sam</b> 14 Dec 1950</p>  <p>Tue 8 Nov 2011 <i>Giving with a smile</i></p>	 <p><b>Ron Abrahams</b></p>  <p>Sat 26 Nov 2011 <i>Quietly caring and teaching others</i></p>	 <p><b>COP17/CMP7</b> UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE 2011 DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA</p>  <p><b>World Scouting was at COP 17</b> from Mon18 Nov to Fri 9 Dec. The environment is our playground and we shared with the tens of thousands of International non-governmental and governmental delegates at the event, how Scouting has always cared for the planet, not because we had to, but rather <b>because we are in the business of creating a better world</b> – and... actions speak louder than words!</p> 
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## Springbok Scout - Top Award

The Springbok is not lightly referred to as the 'Top Award', if one sees the caliber of Scouts passing through the Provincial Springbok Panel who manage to achieve this prestigious award.

The foremost responsibility of a Springbok Scout is to live with **honour**. To the Springbok Scout, honour is the foundation of all character. He/she knows that 'A Scouts honour is to be trusted' is the very first point of the Scout Law for a good reason. He/she lives honorably, not only because honour is important to him/her, but because of vital significance of the example he/she sets for other Scouts. Living honorably reflects credit on his/her home, church, school, Troop and community.

The second obligation is **loyalty**. A Scout is true to his/her family, Scout Leaders, friends, school and the nation. His/her loyalty to his/her Troop and other Scouts, makes him/her pitch in and carry his/her share of the load. All of these help to build the loyalty which means devotion to community, country, one's own ideals and to God.

The third obligation is to be **courageous**. Courage has always been a quality by which men/woman measure themselves and others. To a Scout, obeying orders means not only the courage to face physical danger, but also the determination to stand up for the right. Trusting in God, with faith in his/her fellowmen/women, he/she looks forward to each day, seeking his/her share of the world's work to do.

The fourth obligation is to be **cheerful**, with the final fifth responsibility of **service**. He/she extends a helping hand to those who still toil up the Scouting trail, just as others helped him/her in his/her climb to the top. The performance of the daily good turn takes on a new meaning when he/she enters a more adult life of continuing service to others. He/she stands as protector of the weak and the helpless. He/she aids and comforts the unfortunate and the oppressed. He/she upholds the right of others while defending his/her own. He/she will always 'Be Prepared' to put forward his/her very best.

A Springbok Scout deserves much credit for achieving the 'Top Award', but should always wear the award with humility, ever minded that the Springbok Scout is looked up to as an example of the living Law and Promise. Now I wonder, where are all these Springbok Scouts today? Are they giving back to Scouting that which they so freely received?



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